Howland Wood - Curatorial

Valentine, W.H.
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August 28, 1919.

Mr. W. H. Valentine,
78 Frithroad, Leytonstone,
N. E. England.

My dear Mr. Valentine:-

It is a long, long, while since we have heard from ~~one another~~ now the war is over I hope we will be able to settle down into peaceful pursuits. As a herald of a new era and as a bearer of tidings from across the water I am introducing Mr. Arthur C. Wyman, who has been my assistant at the Society for somewhat over a year.

He is anxious to make up for lost time in having taken up the subject of coins but recently and I trust that you can encourage him enough in this pursuit to make him believe his few months trip to England is a very bright star in his career.

Mr. Wyman can tell you what we have been doing over here in recent years and can take up and discuss all things we might be able to co-operate on in Indian Copper Coins.

Any little help you can show Mr. Wyman will be most appreciated by

60, Upr Kennington Lane. S.E.11.
London, England.
23rd Mch 1920.

My dear Mr Wood

You can hardly imagine how pleased I feel at getting a letter from you again. I had already heard from Mr Allan that you were coming over & had made up my mind to see as much of you as I could during your stay. We shall have a good deal to talk about when we meet. as though the war has been on since our last letters, yet I have not.

been idle. You will be glad I know to hear that Mr Spink has decided to publish the second part of my Cat Coins of India and I have also (after waiting three years) just heard from Sir John Marshall who has authorized me to send to the Clarendon Press at Oxford my MS. of the Cat of the Coins of the Native States in the India Museum Calcutta. This is for an estimate of the cost which when accepted will lead to

the publication of the work. This will be published as a supplementary vol. I have also since our last correspondence written & illustrated a small work of about 130 pages on "Sassanian Coins". This is at present in the hands of Trubner for acceptance or otherwise (I expect the latter) but one "never knows does one"? Trusting you and Mrs Wood are keeping well and with warmest of regards to both. Remain Yours truly

Wm. H. Valentine

April 9th, 1920.

Mr. William H. Valentine,
60 Upper Kenington Lane,
London, S. E. 11, England.

My dear Mr. Valentine:-

I certainly was very glad to receive your letter of March 23rd. It has been a long time since I saw you. I hope however we will be able to make up for this lack of correspondence by being able to see one another a number of times and talking over things when looking at your collection.. I am bringing over a number of Indian copper coins that puzzled me. I am most glad to know that you have been keeping on with your work, and that you will be able to publish a number of your things. The coins of the native states of India certainly need as much attention as any one subject, and I trust that nothing will happen to interfere with its publication.

I think I wrote you that I am leaving here April 24th on the New York, which should bring me to London about May 3rd. I expect my address will be c/o Miss Wood, 8 Bedford Place, Russell Square, London, W. C. I, However I will drop you a line as soon as I reach London. I expect Mrs. Wood to join me the first part of June, and excepting a month in France and Holland, will be the rest of the time in England until about the first of September when we sail for home.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain,

Most truly yours,

September 29th, 1920.

Mr. W. H. Valentine,
60 Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.E. 11, England.

Dear Mr. Valentine:-

We reached home after a very pleasant passage on the 13th of this month, and we are gradually getting settled at home. Doubtless you can imagine that there is plenty of work for me to do in the Society.

I suppose any day now we will be receiving the first shipment of the Mohammedan copper coins. As soon as these come I will send you a cheque on account.

Both Mrs. Wood and I want to thank you and Mrs. Valentine for your hospitality to two lonely strangers while in London. Kindly remember us to Mrs. Valentine and Ida, and I trust that your appointment to India will not be very far off.

Very truly yours,

October 7th, 1920.

William H. Valentine, Esq.,
60 Upper Kenington Lane,
London, S.E.11, England.

Dear Mr. Valentine:-

Your letter of September 23rd came to me day before yesterday, and I am sorry that you are having trouble in shipping the coins to us. It will be perfectly satisfactory to us if you send them over in one package. That would be, I suppose, by express. That being the case they would have to be put in a strong wooden box, and you will have to have a Consular Invoice made out at the American Consulate which is up beyond the British Museum. This invoice can only be put in before 11 o'clock in the morning. Possibly you can get somebody to attend to this for you. Let me know the expense involved, and I will send you a cheque for this as well as the whole or half payment for the coins. If you send them by express I suppose the express are liable for the full value.

Remember me to Mrs. Valentine, and the next time you see Mr. Allen tell him I am going to write him just as soon as I can.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

60 Upper Kennington Lane
London. S.E. 11
23rd Sept. 20

Dear Mr Wood

I have been trying this last three days to get a pkt off to you. The pkt contains 700 coins & weighs 10¾ lbs. but the Post-office people cannot accept anything of greater value than £5- & this one I valued at £15.

The conclusion I have come to, is to send the whole lot in one box as I supposed to you in the first place -

I have of course no idea as to what duty you will have to pay but the expense of sending 30 pets. at £5 each would be considerable I know. My wife paid £6/10 (six and tenpence) for the present ones which they are going to refund and 10 of them ~~[illegible]~~ at that price would cost you £3. 8. 4 or more as I am not quite certain about the total weight. This, as near as I can get.

time was about 110 lbs.

Altho' I shall have to wait for your reply the time will not be lost as I have felt a great many evil beings I make but another month ~~will~~ of work will tend more to difference. I have already done with the Royal, United Provincial, Pawtucket, Bombay and Rajpurana. Now do you see I am getting along with my Book.

I heard that both Hookers

and yourself are well and that you had a nice comfortable passage over.

My wife sends her warmest love to Mrs Wood and from me in kind regards to both of you and hopes you found the baby both well and hearty

Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

We both look back with jolly times we spent together

Postscript

Since writing the letter herewith, it has occurred to me that perhaps you would not mind taking the risk of the value of one pot of £15 value and 10 lbs weight being declared at £5

Of course in that case I should expect you to pay me the full value of £15 in the event of any of them failing to reach you

Yours truly

R. M. B.

60, Upper Kennington Lane
London S.

24th Oct. 1920.

Dear Mr Wood

Your kind letter of the 7th inst. to hand a few days ago has given me much satisfaction, in that you agree that it would be better to ship the coins in one lot as I suggested. I shall not be able to send them at once as I have still got a good few rubbings to make, but you will be satisfied to know that I am making good progress & have rubbed and weighed some hundreds of them. You can guess

pretty well when I got to
when I mention that I am now
doing the Mysore series.
I should think that in abt.
three weeks time I shall be
able to advise you regarding
their despatch.

I shall act on your
suggestion & let you know
the cost of transit & fees as
soon as possible.

We both hope that Mrs Wood and
family as also yourself are well
and that your visit here has
been of benefit in health.

My wife joins me in kind regards to both with best of love to the children

Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Ow[illegible]

60, Upr Kennington Lane S.E.
"
London.

29th Novr 1920.

Dear Mr Wood

I am sorry not to have been able to send you my oriental coins in the time I mentioned.

I have had many interruptions in my task of rubbing them and it is even now far from completion. I can see now that I shall not get them done by Xmas. If I can get them done early in the new year will that suit you? I trust.

that this will suit you if not, I shall not hold you to your bargain, but must try and find another buyer. Mrs V. joins me in kind regards to both Mrs Wood & yourself & wish you both "the compliments of the Season".

Yours faithfully

Wm H. Valentine

December 17th, 1920

William E. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Do not be unduly disturbed because you have not got your rubbings done. As a matter of fact, I thought at the time that you were too sanguine about when you would finish them. Naturally, we would like them over as soon as possible, but the fact of the matter is that I have not yet got through the Moerule stuff, so that your seeming delay is no delay at all.

When you send these, if you can send them any other way than by American Express, I wish you would. There are two or three General Forwarders that you might interview, such as Catt & Scott, Downing's Foreign Express, etc.

Sending with you and Mrs. Valentine the compliments of the Season,

Very truly yours,

HM/E

Curator

60, Mt. Kennington Lane
London S.E. 11
25 Jan. 21.

Dear Mr Wood

Thanks for your letter of to-day. Mr Whitehead is in England ~~but~~ I have not seen him yet but I will let him know thro' Mr Allan of your desires.

I am getting on famously with the rubbings & expect to get finished before another fort-night. Will let you know immediately on their finish. You can be getting your cheque

ready. By the way what about those Greek coins you had on approv. Were they satisfactory? I had almost forgotten them. You remember the forces £0/. should your friend not want them I should like them back, a friend of mine being very inquisitive about them. My wife desires to be remembered to both Mr. Moore & yourself very warmly and is coming to write as soon as possible.

Kind regards from us all to you both

Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

Valentine

60, Upper Kennington Lane
S.E.11.

14th Feby 1921

Dear Mr. Howland Wood

I am happy to be able to say that the coins are ready at last. and this afternoon I have been to see about the carriage &c, to Davies, Turner & Co. 52 Lime Street E.C. I don't think there will be any difficulty whatever in sending them and the carriers do the whole business Consulate, Insurance ~~&c~~ collection & delivery

The coins are already packed in a strong case and I am enclosing herewith a full list.

of its contents which number 230 coins. I am ~~also~~ sending also the invoice of the same, which has besides, a correct account of the charges and expenses incurred.

I trust the matter will meet with your approbation.

You suggested in a former letter that you would either send me a cheque for the charges together with half of the total or the full amount. Please do what you think best. I can only say that all the coins

you bought are in the case and will reach you alright.

Please note that every package should be fully unrolled and the last ~~[illegible]~~ roll undone on the right hand ~~[illegible]~~ the first coin of each series in the tray.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Wm. H. Tatestine

60, Upper Kennington Lane
London S.E.11
England

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March 4th, 1921.

Mr. William H. Valentine,
60 Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.E.II, England.

Dear Mr. Valentine:-

Your letter with invoice, bill, &c, came to hand the other day, and I am sending cheques for £42-15-9, of which £30 is the first payment on the collection, and £12-15-9 is for the expenses amounting to £11-5-9 and 30 shillings for those coins I got from you when over. I am glad you reminded me about this matter because it had slipped my mind for the time being though I have a memorandum of the fact. I would have sent you more than thirty pounds at the present writing but when I spoke to Mr. Newell he was a trifle short in ready cash that day.

I am looking forward to seeing the collection, and I hope whenever you see anything new you will let us know as we will probably be in the market for anything we have not got.

Mrs. Wood received the other day a letter from Mrs. Valentine and was very glad to hear from her. Please remember us to all of you, and believe me

Very sincerely,

Curator.

P.S. Please receipt the accompanying bill and return the same to me.

DAVIES, TURNER & Co.

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March 18th 1921

The American Nurnismatic Society

156th St. & Broadway New York

There has arrived for you 1 packages from London

per Steamer ALBANIA for which please remit us $25.00

on account of charges

In order to enable us to clear goods through customs and pay duty it will be necessary to send us

Consular invoice enclosed, kindly return after perusal

Currency certificate

Certificate of antiquity

Sellers certificate

Owners declaration

Bill of Lading endorsed

60, Apt. Kennington Lane S.E.11.
London
England.

19th Mch 1921.

Dear Mr Wood

Your kind letter and the two cheques enclosed for £30 & £12.5.9 respectively came to hand yesterday and gave me much satisfaction. You will, I have no doubt, have received the case sometime before this reaches you. The case was collected on the 15th Feby but was apparently not shipped until about the 4th or 5th of

this month. It was shipped on board the s.s. "Albania" — I sincerely trust it has reached you safely with its contents in good order. You will be interested to hear that I am arranging the rubbings I made of the coins you bought, and including with them all those of other collections made at various times. They will make a lovely book and be the ground work of my next and last? two vols.

of the "Copper coins of India"

I had a letter from Mr. Smith yesterday enclosing a very nice review of Part II. in the "Pioneer of India" which I imagine came from the pen of Mr H. R. Wright. You may see it later reprinted in the Circular. I was not allowed to retain it.

I hope the inspection of the coins will satisfy you. I mean as regards the order of arrangement. If you are in any doubt respecting the attribution of any of them

I shall consider it my duty as part of the bargain, to assist you in every way I can.

My wife desires me to thank both Mrs Wood & yourself for your kind messages and joins me in the warmest of regards to you both. Trusting to hear from you at an early date believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

P.S. Shall not forget what you say about additions to the Station.

April 1st, 1921

William N. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.11
London, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letter of March 17th came today, and I am glad to know you received the first cheque. I am herewith enclosing another draft for Thirty Pounds and hope very shortly to send more.

The case of coins reached here last week, and is in our building unopened awaiting the call of the Customs inspector. We cannot open it until he comes and, as you may know, I am anxious to get into it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/C
enc.

60, Upr Kennington Lane S.E.11
London. England.
13th Ap 1921.

My dear Mr Wood

Your welcome letter arrived safely yesterday and to day my wife called at the bank and cashed your order. I was very glad with yr letter and a weight has been taken off my mind by the news that the coins were safely delivered and only awaiting the call of the Customs Inspector

The remainder is alright and I have only to wait until this is over to again hear from you.

I have been very busy with my rubbings ever since the departure of the coins and am putting the whole of them in right order together with others from the B.M. and elsewhere and pasting them in one book for easy reference and drawing.

When this is done it will I think make the most complete work of its kind in the world.

I have bought a lot of books lately (many Oriental) and I have some duplicates — are you in want of anything?

or do you know anybody who is? If so please let me know, stating wants.

We are in deep trouble again over here. The miners are on strike and in 2 or 3 days many people anticipate the stoppage of the railways & other transport. I expect we shall pull through however.

We are all keeping well here and hope that the same may be said of you and [illegible]. and my wife joins me in kind regards to yourself & Mrs Wood

Trusting you will find everything satisfactory believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

W. M. Valentine

May 12, 1971

William H. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.11
London, England

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letter of April 15th at hand, and I have delayed answering it until I could send you another installment. I am, herewith, sending you a cheque for Fifty Pounds, leaving, I think, Forty Pounds still due you and will try to clear this up next month.

I have been so busy since the coins arrived that I have not been able to look them all through; in fact, I am only opening up the packages as I am ready to compare them with ours and place them in our cabinets. Hastily perusing them, I do not find that you included some copper coins of a small East African dynasty - I think at Kilja - which you got at Spink's when I was there, and which you said you would include in the lot. I am simply mentioning this in case you have overlooked these.

We are interested in some Oriental books which we have not here; it is always hard to say just what we want. Could you some time send us a list of those of which you wish to dispose?

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Valentine and the young lady with the rosey cheeks!

Yours sincerely,

Curator

H./E

60, Upr Kennington Lane
London S.E.11.
England
26th May 1921.

Dear Mr Howland Wood

Many thanks for the cheque for £50 and for which I beg to enclose the receipted voucher.

The cash has come in the nick of time for I expect to receive a demand from Messrs Spink for that amount in payment of half the cost of publishing my "Sassanian Coins" and has been in the printers hands (in Paris) for some considerable

time. There has been considerable difficulty with regard to the reproduction of the coins (the written portion was all right.) but I think everything is now satisfactory. With regard to the Kilwa coins I may say you are quite welcome to them and will send them on in a few days with some other things you may as well have and will be interested in. I must recall to your mind that it only promised

to give them to you after I had done with them. They were not strictly included in the sale as I got them if you remember while you were away in Paris. but I fully intended you to have them after I had written a paper on them, you know they are quite unpublished - I find however that I am so full up with work that I shall be unable to do what I proposed, and you can do it better than I can.

The dynasty + history is to be found in Vol XIV Modern Part of an Universal History. London 1781. This is the only authority that I know of.

I shall be glad to let you have a list of the few things Overbad that I have for sale and will send it on later.

I trust Mrs Wood and the babes and also yourself are well we are all in the best of health here and join in the warmest of kind regards & good wishes. Yours sincerely

Wm H. Valentine

Mr Whitehead is coming over on Sat. next to see you. Was with him 2 hrs last Sat.

60 up Kennington Lane. S.E.11
London England
5th June 1921

Dear Mr Wood

I am herewith sending you a list of the Oriental coins now for sale that I have by me and you wanted to see. It has taken me some considerable time to prepare and therefore delayed me in writing to you. I should like to get the list back when you have done with it as I want to show it to Mr Allan & several others. I am also sending the Quilon coins as promised & also a few other things that.

will doubtless interest you.

I have bought a great many other coin books since I saw you (very cheaply too) so if you are in want of anything special let me know for I may be able to assist you. Works on English Scottish, Irish, French (Merovingian Carolyn Mediaeval) also lovely books on medals (large size books) cats of coll^ns of Greek & Roman with large nos of plates.

You would doubtless have them all in your library ltd. I thought if any of your

members made inquiries you
might be able to assist them.

We are all well here (not-
withstanding the 10 weeks Coal
strike) and are hoping this
will find Mrs Wood the babies
& yourself in the same position
We often talk of you both &
wonder how you are getting
on. We did enjoy your visit.

Best of good wishes from
us all to you & yours

Sincerely yrs

W. H. Valentine

June 10th, 1921

W. H. Valentine, Esq.
[illegible] Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.10, England

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Herewith is the enclosure for Forty Pounds Stg., according to American computation, is the final payment on the Oriental coins. I am sorry that this matter has dragged out so long; we have done the best we could in making payments.

Mr. Whitehead reached here on Monday and has been here at work in the coin room ever since. He wishes to be remembered to you, and it goes without saying that I do as well.

Do not forget that we are on the look out for Oriental coins which we have not in our Museum.

Very truly yours,

Curator

[illegible]/[illegible]
Encl.

June 30th, 1921.

Mr. W. H. Valentine,
60 Upper Kennington Lane,
London S.E. 11, England.

Dear Mr. Valentine:-

Your two letters and the coins came to hand the other day. I am returning to you your list of books. We have all of these but four and these we would like, namely,

Codrington, Rare and Unedited Arabic and Persian Coins.

Jackson, Coinage of Gandhara and Balkhar.

Hultzsch, Coinage of Sultans of Madura.

Leslie Ellis, Tokens of Malay Archipelago.

I am glad to know that you are getting your book on Sassanian coins printed. I will bear in mind about your other books, but these for the most part do not sell very well in this country.

Mr. Whitehead has been here for the past month and has been very busy. He leaves for home again on the 9th. We have enjoyed having him very much.

Mrs. Wood and the children are away in the country for the summer and are enjoying themselves very much with plenty of sea bathing.

I beg to remain,

Most sincerely yours,

July 13th, 1921

William H. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Mr. Whitehead left for England last Saturday after having been here one month. We all enjoyed his visit very much. He has gone to his home in Cumberland, but in the autumn plans to be in London, therefore you will see him then.

I note that you intend to execute bids at auction sales; I certainly will remember you.

As for Dr. Codrington's coins, I hardly know what to say; any coin of Shihabu-d-din of Delhi I would like.

The family are all at the beach and are having a fine time; they wish to be remembered to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

60, Upr. Kennington Lane
London. S.E.11.
21st June 1921

My dear Mr Wood

Many thanks for the cheque for £40 which came to hand yesterday and for which I beg to enclose herewith the receipted voucher.

I am sorry to have to note that it is the final payment but I sincerely hope that I shall be able to do some further business with you. I intend this autumn to go right into the corn trade if I can and shall therefore be very glad to buy on commission

anything you are in want of.
I think of attending the sales
and making a charge of 10%
on all transactions up to £100
+ 5% above that amount.
If you indicate in some
particular way what you are
in need of I shall do my
utmost to oblige you. By
the way Mr Allan told me
last Sat. that Dr Bodrington's
Coins are to be sold at Sotheby's
next month. He had 2 or 3
trays (to my knowledge) of
Akbar's mohurs but the best.

part of his collection consisted of Berkeras of the Khalifate

I do not know whether his library will be sold same time but if so it is a very important one and I know it fairly well. Write per return if you wish me to do anything for you -

Trusting this will find you well & also Mrs Wood

Believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

Wm H. Valentine

P.S. Please remember me to

Mr Whitehead if he is still with you. I am looking forward to seeing him on his return.

P.S. No. 2 —

My wife & Ida both join me in the warmest of regards to Mrs Wood. & the little ones we very often talk of you both.

P.S. No. 3.

You will be glad to hear that I was elected as fellow of the Royal Numismatic Soc. last Thursday

[illegible] Kensington [illegible]

[illegible] July 1921

Dear Mr Wood

I thank you very much for your kind letter and [illegible] for the same [illegible] hundred [illegible] = I suppose you will [illegible] the rent of the Kensington [illegible] by 200 and hope to be favoured with your commission to [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] 5% as Mr Ludlow (who has [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] I with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fee for this kind of work.

If there is any particular thing you are interested in and which I could do if I were there I should be glad to help or buy for you at any time.

How are you off for the fine Italian lace of the various Italian states - I am well up in them and can buy them at very reasonable prices from time to time as also many other of the Friendly, useful things lost into the American Land.

Because my friend has the [illegible] in my hand is very

but just now and it is quite
beautiful [illegible]. The weather
is still very hot here & we
have had no rain for about
three months I think.

My son Stan & daughter Ethel
Wood and the children are
today staying at Thousand Islands
are off for our holidays in
August to Bermuda.

Kind regards from us all
here. We are and pass the
warmest and wishes they pass
freely —— Yours truly

Wm. R. Lowtone

July 14th, 1921

William J. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Sotheby's catalogue came this morning, containing the Godrington coins. I am, herewith, sending you bids for a number of these pieces, but I doubt if you will get this letter in time as I note the sale is scheduled for the 27th. Enclosed are the lots desired, with the limits I want to pay.

Very truly yours,

Curator

F/A
Enc.

Sothsby Sale.....July 27, 1921..... Godrington Coll.

	£ s d		£ s d
536	17.0	550	1.10.0
537	18.0	551	14.0
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539	1. 2.0	553	17.0
540	1. 2.0	554	2. 5.0
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542	1. 2.0	557	1.15.0
543	1. 2.0	558	2. 2.0
544	1. 2.0	559	2.12.0
545	2. 0.0	560	2. 2.0
546	2. 0.0	561	2. 7.0
547	1. 2.0	562	1. 6.0
548	1. 1.0	563	2. 5.0
549	2.15.0	564	3. 3.0

[illegible]

I get your [illegible]

[illegible] was made

buy at anything like your prices - [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] that I bought

at 2 guineas for Mr Cutcliffe and from whom I had

[illegible] had you

would have [illegible]

if you had got them. The breeding in every

was strong and nearly fought. Grade

lot exceeding ~~in price~~ by one or two thirds more in [illegible]

than your offers. 563 fetched 12.10.0 - but I [illegible] you

will get the prices marked catalogue and [illegible]

yourself - I made many bids on my own [illegible]

[illegible] but was absolutely [illegible] in

case. I am very sorry for both our sakes but I

for better luck at the next sales. Trusting [illegible]

[illegible] and will, kind regards to both you [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

I am yours [illegible] with heartiest [illegible]

August 5th, 1921

Mr. William H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letter of July 3rd, together with the books came to hand the other day, and I am herewith enclosing a Money Order for 11/6 to pay for these.

I trust you received my bids in time for the Codrington sale and I hope that I got some of these pieces. I realize that my prices were low if they brought any sort of prices, but from past experience I found that I often got things at Sotheby's at ridiculously low bids.

I will let you know later specific wants. Just at present we are negotiating for certain pieces in a collection of ten thousand gold and silver coins.

I am sorry about your hand, and trust that you will not try to overuse it until it is quite all right again.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Curator

HW/E
enc.

60 Upper Kennington Lane
S. E. 11
26th Aug. 1921

When will Susannah be back?

Dear Mrs Wood

I am sorry to say my husband is laid up with a writer in the arm and cannot use the pen he has therefore asked me to write ~~and~~ until he can do so more fully himself a little later he thanks you for your kind letter and money ~~and~~ Order for 11-6 and desires me to say that he shall be glad to have your list of wants as you mention to keep by him for reference. give my kind love to Mrs Wood and the dear little one

My husband joins me in
kind regards to you both also

Yours faithfully

M. B. Valentine

October 11th, 1921

W. H. Valentine, Esq.
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E. England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

I am sorry to know that you are still laid up with neuritis. You must take good care of your arm and not over-tax it.

When is your book on Sassanian coins going to be offered for sale as I want to send for a copy.

Mrs. Wood wishes to be remembered to you.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

M/E

W. H. VALENTINE
60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE,
LONDON, S.E.11

20. XII. 21.

Dear Mr Wood.

This is just to wish Mrs Wood, the babies and yourself, the best of good wishes for the New Year, from my wife and self, hoping that it will be a happy and prosperous one to you all.

I have been going to answer your letter for some time and thank you for the kind remarks therein, but have been so busy with my catalogue, I am going on fairly well, thank you but am still very shaky. My dear wife and Ida are both well.

Could you do with a lot of Oriental coins in bulk? there are, roughly speaking, say 40 oz in silver and 50 lbs E with many Indian among them. and could you make me an offer by weight for them? If you can, let me know at once, as I have an offer of a similar lot, mostly silver, and I am dubious of my spare cash, and do not want to lock it up more than possible, "small profits, quick returns" as they say.

With the kindest and warmest regards of Mrs V., Ida & myself to you all —

Remain sincerely
Yours —
Wm. H. Valentine.

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December 30th, 1971

Mr. William H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

I was very glad to see your handwriting again. Your book sale list received, and I believe that Mr. Lee ordered one or two things. Other copies which you have sent here, I have forwarded to the proper addresses.

I am at a loss to know what to offer for the Oriental coins in bulk. We have so many of these now that I am not so keen for them as I might have been some years ago. Also, I might be buying an awful quantity of duplicates. I will offer Eight Pounds for 40 ounces of silver and Six Pounds for the copper. I would rather have the silver than the copper.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HJ/E

From

W. H. VALENTINE
60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE,
LONDON, S.E.11.

9th Jany 1922.

Dear Mr Wood

It is indeed very nice to be corresponding again even if at irregular intervals. Now that I have properly started in business I shall be very glad of a little help, and you might probably tell me of a customer or so who wants a little commission or two executed. I have bought a type-writer but have had so far little opportunity for practice.

I am sorry that I cannot accept your offer for the Oriental coins, I paid more than that for them myself. I think perhaps after all it would pay me much better to keep them for stock. I shall list them later on and there may perhaps be one or two things among them you might like to buy and would possibly be better that encumbering yourself with a lot of things you do not want. Many thanks for passing my catalogue on. I am getting another one ready entirely Oriental & Greek items. Shall send you an advance copy if possible as you did not get much of a look in with the last.

Heartily reciprocating your good wishes for the New Years from all here - Remain

Yours sincerely
W. H. Valentine

60,Upper Kennington Lane.S.E.11.London.

20th April 1922.

Dear Mr.Wood,

I have been going to write to you for some considerable time,but having nothing in particular to write about have kept on putting it off. I am making progress in my new business,and I think that in course of time I shall do alright.

At present it is too early to speak confidently,but every week I get more and more inquiries,of which the present letter is an instance. One of my customers wants a copy of Frey's"Dictionary of Numismatic Names", And also 'Higgins""Cross of the Magi" Can I get them from the Amer.Num.Soc. through Mr Noe?,or are they published elsewhere ? Of course I want them at trade price,otherwise I would have asked you personally to oblige,but as it is a business transaction I hardly like to. I should feel very much obliged if you could assist me in the matter.

My wife has just looked in and I have asked if she has any message to send to Mrs Wood. She says"don't forget to tell them that Ida has started to go to work this week,and that it is at a Film place,you know how interested Mr Wood was in the Pictures" and don't forget to give my love to Mrs Wood and the children. Ida's place is at the Office of the British Film Distributing Co.in Oxford St. Trusting this will find you both well And with kind regards from us both,

Remain yours as ever,

W.H.Valentine.

May 5th, 1922

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

I think I have been a good deal like you - I have not had anything much to write about. I am glad to know that you are getting along all right with your business.

We have sent you Frey's Dictionary of Numismatic Names, but I doubt if we can supply Higgins' Cross of the Magi. As a matter of fact, the latter does not amount to anything numismatically.

The two coins of which you sent rubbings are puzzles to me. According to the dates, one of them is about 50 years old, and it seems strange that we have not heard of it before. By the style of the writing, they both belong to the Malay Peninsula, though I cannot dope out the mint of the brass one with the hole.

I trust that Ida is interested in her work, and am glad to know that she has a good job because I think work of any kind is hard to get.

Mrs. Wood and I wish to be remembered to all of you.

Very truly yours,

HW/S

May 5th, 1923.

William H. Valentine, Esq.,
60 Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.E.11, England.

Dear Mr. Valentine:

We desire to order the following books from your Catalogue of May, 1923:

No. 156. Ramus. Catalogus Numorum Veterum Graecorum et Latinorum. 2 vols. 10s 6 d.

" 162. Weston. Historic Notices of the Towns of Greece, &c. 3s.

" 181. Ruhl. Die Orden und Ehrenzeichen der Deutschen Staaten. 15s.

" 188. Brown. The Coins of India: etc. 2s. 6d.

" 215. Tracy. His own Rubbings of East India Co. and Anglo-Ceylon Coins. 2s. 6d.
(Do you think this is anything that we would want?)
(If so send it along).

" 225. Anonymous. - Medallas Latinas de Eapana. etc. 8s.6d.

"" 237. Ramon. Catalogo de la Collecion de Monedas y Medallos. 10s.

Please direct these to the Society and not to me personally.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

June 26th, 1923

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.W.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

I have just noticed in the Indian publication that you are the recipient of the Nelson Wright medal. I wish to congratulate you on the receiving of this, but it was nothing more than you deserve!

With all good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Answer in file downstairs

60, Upper Kennington Lane, London.S.E.11.
5th July 1923.

Dear Mr.Wood,

I thank you very much for the kind congratulations contained in your letter to hand this morning, but wish I could deserve them more. I should have felt very much more satisfied if Sir John Marshall had either published the work I wrote for him six years ago, or allowed me to finish my own on the copper coins of India, and now I am afraid neither will see the light. However I thank you very sincerely for your good wishes.

I have been awaiting the receipt of the Exhibition of American coins you are sending before replying to your letter of last week, but they have not arrived yet. However I think I should like to have the balance of my a/c if you do not mind. I hope to sell you a lot of other books yet. I am still buying.

My wife desires me to send her kind regards to you and Mrs.Wood, and trusts to have the pleasure of seeing you both again some time. We often speak of you both and the pleasant time we spent on your visit here.

Yours as ever, sincerely,

P.S.The coin with a hole I sent you a rubbing of, appears to belong to Sooloo Island. It bears the Sultan's name, and the date fits too. This from Sir John Bucknill.

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April 11th, 1924

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.W.11, England

Dear Valentine:

Somehow or other we seem not to correspond very much. As a matter of fact, I have about all the letterwriting I can do - and I should judge that it is the same with you.

When I bought those Oriental coins, you saved out several copper coins from Kilwa saying that you wished to study them and would send them on later. It has just occurred to me that I never received them - probably you have overlooked the matter. I trust that you remember the incident and still have the coins!

Kindly remember Mrs. Wood and myself to Mrs. Valentine.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,

60 UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E. 11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

22nd April 1924.

Dear Howland:

Your letter has given me a shock. I sent you the Kilwa coins almost immediately after the receipt of your letter about them. With the same I included all the information I could give you regarding the notice of the dynasty in an old History of the World.

With me a promise is sacred ~~and~~ although the coins were not included in the purchase of the others, but rather as a personal gift to yourself. Are you quite sure you have not overlooked them in some way. I quite think you must have received them. I don't quite know how long ago I sent them, but I should say about 18 months ago. If they really are lost you will be glad to hear that I have rubbings of them and also of those in the B.M. There is a History of Kilwa by S.Arthur Strong in the J.R.A.S. April 1895. in Arabic and English Translation. I shall be happy to loan you the lot in case the coins turn up and you want to write about them.

Our best and warmest regards to both Mrs Wood and yourself, we rather expected to see you this summer as the Exhibition is attracting so many Americans. Tell Mrs Wood the beads are still in evidence, and our Ida is growing into lovely womanhhod.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Valentine.

April 30th, 1924

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.11

Dear Valentine:

I certainly owe you an apology for troubling you about those Kilwa coins. On receipt of your letter, I looked through our correspondence and found that you had sent them, and that I had received them. They came while Mr. Whitehead was here, and I was busy with other things. After some search, I have just located them in one of the cabinets. It is funny how an incidents like this will slip entirely out of one's mind! When I get around to cataloguing these coins, I will again write to you for what information you may have and for the rubbings concerning them. Much obliged for the reference to the history of Kilwa in the J.R.A.S.

I was hoping to get over to the Exhibition, but having bought a house last year all my money is going into that, so the best we can do is for Mrs. Wood and I to send our remembrances to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

July 21, 1925

W. H. Valentine, Esq.
60, Upper Kennington Lane, S. E. 11
London, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Please pardon my delay in not answering your letter concerning the Chinese coins. I doubt if they will prove to be anything that we care for but I have run across a collector who might be interested if he had more information to work on, namely, the approximate price, possibly a little more detail concerning the pieces. Therefore, any further light you can shed will be most acceptable.

I trust all of you are well and kindly remember me to Mrs. Valentine and the rosy-cheeked daughter. For all I know she may be married. At any rate, give me the latest news.

Very truly yours

[illegible] C

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

1st Aug.1925.

Dear Mr.Wood,

Many thanks for your letter to hand. On a separate sheet I am sending a rough list of the Chinese Coins and also separately a photo of the cabinet containing them. I imagine it is one of the most remarkable collections of that series in the world. You will recognise the unique character of its contents from the list itself. The price demanded is £ 2000 and includes the cabinet.

Mrs.V. and myself are quite well thank you as is also the rosy cheeked one. She is now 18 but with very little thought of getting married, although she has a nice boy, who is often here. She is still at the First National which of course keeps us in close contact with America, Colleen Moore, the Talmages and other celebrities connected with that country. I may add that she is not the Presidents Private secretary yet, but her aspirations in that direction are not dead - we have brought her into being typist in his office. So she is getting on you see. America may see her yet, and her talks are sometimes of getting to their office in New York.

I trust this will find both Mrs Wood and yourself quite well and also the little ones. We hear about you occasionally when Mr. & Mrs. Raymond come on their annual visit, and we often talk about the pleasant times we had when you came over and we all had dinner together at the Chinese Restaurant. We send you (both) our very warmest and kindest regards and sincerely hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again some time here in Kennington.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Valentine.

P.S. Mrs.Valentine and Ida both send their especial love to Mrs. Wood.

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

1st Aug.1925.

Re Collection of Chinese Coins.

This remarkable and probably unique collection is contained in a most beautiful Cabinet made of teak inlaind with designs in ivory on the front, sides, and top, all of which are lacquered. It stands about four feet in height, 36 inches wide, with a depth of 20 inches. Weight about two cwt.,and has been valued as a work of art at £ 120.

The greater part of the contents are of the utmost rarity, amongst them being;-

Ku-Pu coins in seal character	B.C.770 - 255		76
Ghost Head coins	B.C.612 - 589		31
Knife or Razor shaped.	B.C.683 - 263		
	B.D.481 - 255	together	110
Yuan-fa	B.C.660 - 336		23
Weight money.	B.C.680 - 327		4
Yuan Tze.	B.C.481 - 255		8
Ming Tao.	do. do.		3
Pan Liang.	B.C.220 - 86		48
Wang-Mang.	A.D. 9 - 23		
i. Key shaped			10
ii. Trouser shaped.	(4 very large)		33
iii. Pu coins.			19
iv. Round.			28
Horse & Wang	B.C.140 - 86		2
Bridge Piece			1
Cash from;-	A.D.556 - 1876	all sizes (about)	750
Treaty ports and Republican coppers			147

etc. etc.,

The entire collection amounts to about 2150 specimens, and was formerly the property of the present owner's father, an ardent collector of Chinese Coins in China and fifty years resident, with opportunities for filling his cabinet with the choicest and rarest; many being but barely known to the Foreign collector.

August 20th, 1925

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, Eng.

Dear Mr. Valentine:

With regard to the collection of Chinese coins, are we to understand that the £ 120 covers the collection and the Cabinet? If we are correct in thinking this to be the case, one of our members is interested in the proposition. He wishes me to state that he desires an absolutely bottom price including delivery into this country. This is a bona fide offer, conditional only on the number of counterfeits which may be found in said collection. If there prove to be too many pieces not genuine, he will not undertake to purchase.

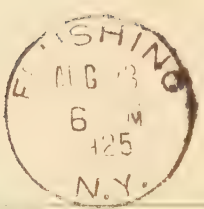
Very truly yours,

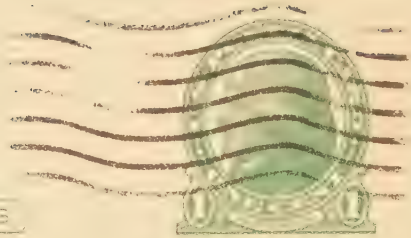
Curator

Dear Miss Earle

You might drop Valentine a line, stating if he sends the collection along, have it sent to Frank D Livingston 120 W 70th St. (I think that is the address) and that Mr L. is a responsible person

E.W.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Violet Earle
Am. Numismatic Soc.
156 th St + Broadway
New York
N.Y.

August 25th, 1925

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

If you are going to send the Collection, about which I wrote you last week, will you please forward it direct to:

Mr. Frank I. Liveright
120 West 70th Street
New York City

I can state with assurance that Mr. Liveright is a responsible person to whom to send it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,
60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.
Speciality: Numismatic Books.

31st Aug.1925.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, A.N.S.,
At 156th St.
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wood;

I am sorry to dissappoint but the £120 is the value of the cabinet only. The price for this unique collection is £2000. I am aware there are few people interested enough in Chinese History that are prepared to pay the price, but I do not suppose there is another collection in the world to match it. I have seen and inspected it. Should a purchaser with a love of China and Chinese History arise, I shall ask Mr Allan to inspect and pronounce judgment on it. This as you are aware he can only do in a friendly way, but I know he would oblige me if I spoke to him on the subject. You can take it from me that the thing is absolutely genuine in every way, otherwise I would not take any interest in it. I have a certain reputation to sustain.

With kind regards, yours sincerely,

W. H. Valentine

P.S. The price would include packing and transport.

September 9th, 1925

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

I really thought that the Collection was too cheap at £120; but, from my experience in Chinese coins, I consider £2,000 entirely too much, as the number of ancient pieces are not in such very large quantities. There were 1,500 pieces in Ramsden's Collection, of which easily five thousand were ancient coins. I will, however, refer your letter to Mr. Liveright, but I am sure that he will not be interested in the Collection at that price. If you do not hear from me, you can rest assured that he has dropped the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

September 15th, 1925

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Mr. Liveright has written that he cannot consider the purchase of the Chinese collection as the price makes it out of the question. He has now another Chinese collection in view. Thanking you for your trouble,

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,
60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.
Speciality: Numismatic Books.

20th Oct.1925.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, A.N.S.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York. N.Y. U.S.A.

Dear Mr.Wood:

Please pardon my delay in answering your kind letter regarding the Chinese coin collection. I have been very busy indeed ever since the issue of my last catalogue, and my business as I know you will be pleased to hear, is increasing so well that really I shall have to get some assistance to cope with it if it continues at the same rate. For which I am very thankful.

I have to thank you for your kindness, and also for the interest you have taken in the above matter, but I begin to despair of finding a customer for the collection, and have decided for the time being to let the matter slide. I have consulted Mr. Allan about it and with his usual good nature he has promised to go with me and view it, and furthermore to give his opinion concerning its value. Until then I shall let the whole thing remain in obeyance. Meanwhile warmest thanks for your kindness.

Please deduct amount I owe for the A.N.S.Monographs from the account I sent you before remitting.

With the kindest regards from all here to Mrs. Wood and yourself.

Remain yours sincerely,

W. H. Valentine.

February 11th, 1926

Mr. Wm. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Do you think that you could get me five pounds of a certain kind of plasteroine, which I understand is made by Warhutt? I am sending you a small sample of this under separate cover. This that I want is rather hard, and I should judge had more clay in it than some makes have. We use it for rolling out seal cylinders, and the softier, stickier kind does not work. If you can, without too much trouble, locate some of it, I should greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

25th Feb.1926.

Dear Mr.Wood;

I received your letter this morning and having to run out this afternoon found out the Plasticine Co. and got what you wanted. It is called Modellil and made by a different firm but which are now allied with the former company. I saw the Plasticine but found as you said, that is was sticky. That sent seems very much firmer and seems to me to match your sample. If it is not what you want, kindly return it and I will do my best to get the right sort somewhere else.

It is sold at 1/4 per lb. but as I got it at trade price I need only charge you the 1/4, I will take the discount as sufficient payment. I trust this will be agreeable to you.,

I owe the A.N.S.a small balance of 85 cents for a No.10 Monograph, please to kindly deduct this from the cheque when you send. I suppose there was nothing you wanted from my last Cat.

If you are wanting Cunningnams two rare vols.on Ancient and Medieval India, I can offer you one I have just bought. It generally fetches 6 guineas here, but I can offer it for £5 10s

My wife and Ida join in kind regards to Mrs Wood and yourself and hope to have the pleasue of seeing you both again this summer.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Valentine.

5 lbs Plasticine @ 1/4		6	8
	Postage	3	9

March 26th, 1926

Mr. W. H. Valentine
60 Upper Kennington Lane
London, S.E.11

Dear Valentine:

The Modellil arrived yesterday. I have not as yet had a chance to try it out, but I think it will work alright. If it does not go for one purpose, I can use it for another!

As the amount we owe you is so small - and presumably we shall be ordering other things from you at no distant date, I will hold the bill until then if this is all the same to you.

Our library has both of the Cunningham books. I did not appreciate that they sold for the price you mention. I wrote to one or two people to see if they would care to purchase them, but without result.

I wish you would keep your eyes open for new issues of Oriental coins. I should like to get the silver and the gold, if not too high a price, of those issued by the King of the Hedjaz.

I am inclined to think that in the past fifty years a number of coins have been issued in various parts of Arabia. I picked up about twenty coins from an Englishman that were issued in the Yemen, chiefly by Yahya bin Mahommet.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Valentine,

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

15th April 1926.

Dear Mr.Wood;

Many thanks for your letter, I will keep a look out for the coins you mention whenever I look over the odd lots at the sales, one never knows what may turn up. I have seen the coins of the Hedjas both in gold and silver but I did not care to touch them. Cunningham's two vols are very scarce indeed, Quaritch quoting three guineas for the mediaeval one as long ago as 1922. I have been offered and refused £5 for my two long ago. I thank you very much for the interest you have taken in the matter. I have reduced my price to your Mr.Titchener to £5 10s because I may do other business with him.

Kind regards to Mrs.Wood and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Valentine

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E. 11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

26th May 1925.

Dear Mr. Wood;

I have been commissioned by a gentleman her to find a customer for a wonderful collection of Chinese Coins and inherited from his father, a keen collector of Chinese Coins in China, where he resided for fifty years. Knowing of your fondness for this branch of numismatics, I thought perhaps you could suggest one or two people likely to buy them. Mr Allan also thought you might perhaps be able suggest someone.

The contents of the cabinet will I know interest you, and the cabinet itself is a work of art, about 48 in.high, 36 in.wide, and abt 20 in.deep. lacquered teak inlaid with designs in ivory, front, sides, and Top.

These are some of the contents;-

Ku Pu coins	B.C. 770 -	B.C.255.	in seal character,	76
Ghost's head	612 -	589		31
Knife coins	683 -	263		
	481 -	255		110
Yuan fa	680 -	336		23
Weight money	680 -	327		4
Yuan tze	481 -	255		8
Ming tao	,,	,,	round	3
Pan liang	220 -	86		48
Wang mang	A.D. 9 -	23		
(i) Key shaped				10
(ii) Trouser do.			(4 very large)	33
(iii) Pu coins				19
(iv) Round				28
Horse & Wang	B.C. 140-	B.C. 86		2
Bridge piece				1
Cash, all sizes	covering periods		between past & present abt	
Treaty ports and Republic				150

The entire collection amounts to about 2150 coins and is I should imagine the finest in the world owned by a private person. A photograph of the Cabinet is in preparation and can be sent if desired.

I trust this will find you well, and all here join me in the kindest of regards to you and yours.

W. H. Valentine

October 22, 1926

Mr. William H. Valentine,
60, Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.E.11

Dear Sir:

Will you have sent to the Society the last edition just out of Stanley Gibbons' Stamp Catalogue in one volume. We write to you rather than to Stanley Gibbons as we want the English edition with the cuts of United States ~~coins~~ stamps rather than the edition sent to this country that has these illustrations omitted. Have the package addressed to the Society, without my name on it, as it then comes in duty-free.

Yours very truly,

Curator

May 13, 1927

Mr. W. C. Valentine,
60, Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.W. 11, England

Dear Valentine:

It is certainly a long while since I have written to you. I have been trying to get back to my old love and work on the coins of the bull and horseman type. The thought occurred to me that in your knocking about you might see at times some of these. I wish you could pick up for me any of these either in silver or copper or base metal that you may come across cheap or if you see any great rarities, let me know. I find that it is really necessary to compare and work over large numbers at times in order to find out all you want to know about them.. Also, don't forget me if you run across anything of much interest.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Valentine, believe me

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

23rd May 1927.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, A.N.S.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York. N.Y. U.S.A.

Dear Wood;

I am very pleased to hear from you again after this long time feeling at the same time that we are in touch with each other in heart although so far apart. We often speak of you both and recall the pleasant time spent together on your visit here in London, looking forward to the time when we may expect to see you both again.

Replying to your remarks I should be very pleased to be on the look out for anything you want, but the difficulty is to know the direction. Since your purchase of my collection of Oriental I have accumulated a whole host of Indian and Oriental coppers, but whether they would be of use to you I know not; there are many duplicates and unless you had a channel for them, there would be little use in purchasing such large quantities. Should you entertain such an idea I can offer all I have at 3/- per lb.,carriage extra. Perhaps you will think it over and let me know. Special selections I must charge more for on account of the trouble involved.

I am sending 139(?)coins of the Bull and Horseman type which I hope will prove satisfactory, and enclose herewith a duplicate invoice to that contained in the parcel. I have also about 200 others with Bull or with Horse and a Rv. in cufic. This lot I can offer at the same price, viz; 15/-.

Please present our kind regards to Mrs Wood, and believe me to remain as ever,

Yours truly,

W. H. Valentine

June 17, 1937

Mr. W. H. Valentine,
60, Upper Kennington Lane,
London, S.E.11, England

Dear Valentine:

Your letter came several days ago but only today did the package containing the coins. These bulk up about as I was expecting and atfirst glance I saw at least a dozen I am very glad to get, three being new to me. As I can get rid of any that I do not want, I am very glad to get the lot. Therefore, please send on the others with bull or horse and cufic reverses. If you do not object, I will hold off payment for this lot until I get the other lot.

Please keep your eyes open for any bull and horseman that strike you as unusual. Also, if you get hold of any of the silver specimens, the so called Kings of Kohul or Kings of Ohind, cheap, according to your lights, buy them andsend them along.

Now for your Oriental duplicates, I think I can get rid of those I don't want but before telling you to send these on, can you let me know approximately how many pounds of these you have.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

W. H. VALENTINE,

60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.

Speciality: Numismatic Books.

11th July 1927.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
A.N.S. Curator,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York. N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr.Wood;

In reply to your letter I am sending off to-day the other lot of the Bull & Horseman type I offered you for 15/- and hope they will please you as much as the others. The postage will cost you 2s making 17/- in all for this lot.

In regard to my other offer, being made on the spur of the moment, I find I have said more than I intended, so if you will allow me to correct myself (for some cost me more than my offer) I will, having carefully considered the matter, put the matter as follows. The first item being what I had in my minds eye at the time.

Native States,Pathans, Anc.Kashmir. Ceylon massas, Jaunpur, Malwa, and Gujarat. About 20 lbs in weight at 3/- per lb.
Suri Kings about 4 lbs at 3d each or 7/6 per lb
Mughals $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs same price.
Khalifas,Urtakids &c abt 3 lbs 3d each or 10/- per lb.

This is an extensive offer, but even then does not clear me out as I have others in the cabinets, but if you want them as well, I will put them in at the same prices. I may say in passing, that every one of these coins I have bought since our last deal.

I trust you will find these prices satisfactory and buy me out.

Mr Allan has advised me that you are wanting No 79 of the Num.Ch. New series. 1879 Pt.IV. as it is out of print and he cannot supply it. Neither can I at the moment, but if you care to pay abt. 7/6 for it, I will do my best to get it for you.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

W.H. Valentine

I will keep an eye open for any othere of the Horseman type.

August 9, 1927

Mr. W. H. Valentine,
60, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.11,
London, England

Dear Sir:

The second lot of bull and horseman coins came and I found one or two new varieties in the lot, although the bulk of them were of Hassan Qarlagh. Having so many specimens I was able to work out two varieties of inscriptions and the Sanscrit on the other side that had never been mentioned before.

I have directed the bank to send you a check for these two lots of coins. Have you been to Spink about bull and horseman I think I will write them to send me on approval what pieces they may have. They might have some of the early silver ones. I will note write them till I hear from you as there is no need of two people asking them for the same thing. Also do you know of any other dealer who might happen to have some. I am going to defer for a while any decision on the Mohammedan copper coins we have talked about. To begin with, I am going to be very busy for some time and the person I was planning to unload the duplicates upon, died suddenly the other day and I do not now know where to turn to get rid of what I do not want.

Do not bother about "Numismatic Chronicle" 1879, part 4.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

W. H. VALENTINE,
60, UPPER KENNINGTON LANE, S.E.11.
Speciality: Numismatic Books.

December 22nd.1927

Howland Wood,Esq.,
American Numismatic Socy.,
155th/156th Streets,
New York.

Dear Mr Wood.

I very much regret not having replied to you before,owing to the fact that I have recently undergone a serious operation from which I have not yet fully recovered, but I hope early in the New Year to look into the matter regarding the Ghanawids.

The operation itself consisted of the removal of the prostate gland, and of course I am still feeling the effects of it and I am very feeble.

Kind regards to Mrs Wood and both my wife and myself join in wishing you the compliments of the season.

Yours truly,

W.H. Valentine.

60, Upper Kennington
Lane. S.E.11.
January 9th.

Dear Mr Wood,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, to tell you that Mr Valentine passed away suddenly last Wednesday week. It was a great shock for us all as he seemed quite well during the Xmas holidays except for a slight cold. He received your card the night previous to his

death, and was very pleased with it. Hoping Mrs Wood & family are quite well.

Yours truly.

Ida Valentine.

60, Upper Kennington
Lane. S.E. 11.
January 26th.

Lowland Wood, Esq.,
New York.

Dear Mr Wood,

Many thanks for your letter addressed to my father, but of course by this time you have received my letter containing the sad news. I am writing to tell you that his

coins are to be sold,
and I wondered if
there was anything you
would care for. They
are going into a
sale I think, but
mother knew you appeared
to be interested in
some of them when
you visited us last, so
that is why I have
written. Yours sincerely
Ida Valentine

7th February, 1928

Mrs. W. H. Valentine,
London, England

Dear Mrs. Valentine:

In reply to Ida's letter of January 26th, we would be much interested in acquiring the Mohammedan coins if you still have them. I had begun negotiations concerning these last summer and then dropped the matter for a while as werwere trying to secure a large collection. As possibly Mr. Valentine may not have kept copies of his letters, I am herewith quoting from a letter dated July 11, 1927:

Native States, Pathans, And. Kashmir. Ceylon massas, Jaunpur, Malwa, and Gujurat. About 20 lbs. in weight at 3/- per lb.
Suri Kings about 4 lbs. at 3d each or 7/6 per lb.
Mughals 2½ lbs. same price.
Khalifas, Urtakids &c abt. 3 lbs. 3d each or 10/- per lb.
Anc. India abt. 2 lbs. 2d each or 10/- the lot.

We would be very pleased to take off your hands, if you are willing, all of the coins referred to. I presume that they would amount to from seven to ten pounds sterling.

You will note also, from the following quotation from the same letter, that he speaks of having others in the cabinets, which he would include at the same price:

'This is an extensive offer, but even then does not clear me out as I have others in the cabinets, but if you want them as well, I will put them in at the same prices. I may say in passing, that every one of these coins I have bought since our last deal. I trust you will find these prices satisfactory and buy me out.'

Very truly yours,

Curator